

One Year From Now:

I plan to be working for a small newspaper working as a reporter producing print, audio and video stories. I will be covering any beats trying to make a name for myself. While working I will still be updating my resume and networking with other professionals in an attempt to advance my career. I will continue to go to sites such as NewsU to hone my journalism skills.

Three Years From Now:

I will be working for a larger newspaper, making more money than I was two years earlier and have the ability to choose the beats that I work on. I now exclusively cover sports at the collegiate level, to be more precise, at the Division I level. After covering high school sports the previous year, I've earned this. I will still continue adding to my resume and portfolio in order to achieve my ultimate dream job of covering professional sports.

Five Years From Now:

I now work for a nationally known newspaper, the Star Tribune, covering professional sports. I have earned the respect of my colleagues and editors and have the skills necessary to put together a story that millions of people will read and be engaged with. I will continue to practice my journalism skills on a daily basis and will remind myself that it took hard work to get to this position and it is going to take hard work to keep it. I will continue to update my portfolio in the hopes of becoming sports editor some day.

The work environment that I seek a professional one where everyone knows their place and get their work done on time. It will also be laid back with lots of laughs and smiles, a place that you want to be at least five days a week. Our offices will be located in a large metropolis.

The community that I want to work in will have a population of over one million residents and will have at least three professional sports teams and a division one college within the city limits. The community will be made-up of people from all ethnicities and backgrounds.

I want to be proud of the place I work and cherish every opportunity to tell people what I do and where I do it. I want to be happy at work, and I want to be just as happy, if not more, at home. I'm 28 now and would like to start a family soon, so after I get my foot in the door at a newspaper I'd like to marry my girlfriend. I'm greedy and want to have it all; a happy and healthy personal life and a happy and healthy career.

I'll know its time to look for another job when I start to dread going to work. When I stop telling people what I do and where I do it; if I ever lose the drive to do honest, accurate journalism. I want a successful career but if starts to affect my life at home than it will be time to move on and look for something else.